

GREAT BIG HALIBUT TRIP.

Particulars of Where and How It Was Caught.

Interesting Letter from Our Vancouver Correspondent.

A correspondent of the TIMES at Vancouver, B. C., in speaking of the big halibut trip landed at that port April 10 by the steamer New England, as exclusively reported in the TIMES, sends the following detailed account of the trip and how the fare was caught and we feel that it will be found very interesting reading by the army of readers of the TIMES:

"Thinking you might like to have this correct, I asked Captain A. Freeman, captain of steamer New England, and Mr. Grier Harratt, manager for the New England Fish Co., for the exact particulars, which are as follows:

"The trip was caught on April 8, off Goschen Island, about 400 miles north of Vancouver, and was taken by 12 dories, fishing 50 fifty-fathom lines to each dory. It was a fine, calm day, the quantity being so great that some 40,000 were stowed in the hold, without being dressed, and the balance taken on deck. When the deckload was dressed and iced, the fish stowed in the hold were hoisted out and dressed. The New England arrived here on the afternoon of April 10, and weighed off 145,500 pounds. This is after the heads were cut off, and ready to ship.

"The other large trip referred to was taken by Capt. H. B. Joyce in September of 1902, off Cape Scott, about 200 miles north of here, and about 200 miles south of where this trip was caught. This was taken by 12 dories, and I think 40 fifty-fathom lines used to each dory. This catch weighed off 116,000 pounds with heads off ready to ship, and as that was the largest catch known at that time, it was supposed to be the record and until this catch was landed remained so."

"I would like to hear from you, as to whether these catches have ever been beaten on your or any other coast.

"Capt. Freeman has been in the employ of the New England Fish Company on this coast almost since the inception of the halibut fishing here, as also has Capt. H. B. Joyce, who is well known to a great many of our readers, having been engaged in the mackerel fishing on your coast for a great many years, owning the steamer Novelty, also a number of schooners."

The Banks of Newfoundland.

The finest codfish in the world are caught on the banks of Newfoundland. These banks have no connection with the shores of the islands, from which indeed the nearest is almost 100 miles distant. They are really great rocky heights rising from the bottom of the sea. The great bank measures 540 miles from north to south, and from east to west it measures in places 300 miles. On this bank the depth of water varies from 50 to 360 feet, but the depth around it is from 10,000 to 15,000 feet.

The fishing grounds—or "cod meadows," as they are called—do not cover the whole bank, but are about 200 miles long by 67 broad. Though these have been fished for 400 years the cod are as plentiful as ever. To the east, of the great bank lies the outer or false bank, where the sea is from 300 to 600 feet deep. The cod caught on the banks are finer and larger than the fish taken off the Labrador coast. This is supposed to be due to the fact that they have reached the age of four years and upwards, at which age their habits lead them to feed on the banks in preference to the shore, where the younger fish remain all the year.—Shelburne Gazette.

April 25"

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Caviare, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. haddock, 25,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Flirt, Peak, 6000 lbs. cod, 65,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Lewis H. Giles, Bay of Islands, N. F., 900 bbls. frozen herring
Sch. Claudia, Bay of Islands, N. F., 100 herring.
Sch. Arcadia, Bay of Islands N. F., 800 bbls. frozen herring, 140 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Patriot, Georges, 15,000 lbs. cod, 10,000 lbs. halibut.

Boston.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 13,000 haddock 6000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Philip P. Manta, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Pythian, 17,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 17,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 5000 eusk.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 14,000 haddock, 2500 cod.
Sch. Nellie G. Adams, 12,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Charlie Boy, 800 haddock, 300 cod.
Sch. Theresa and Alice.
Sch. Dawson City, 22,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 18,000 hake, 10,000 eusk, 1500 pollock.
Haddock \$1.10; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.25.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Shenandoah was at St. Pierre, Miq., recently for bait.
Sloops Odd Fellow, Golden Eagle, Lizzie B. Foster, Bessie, Laer C. and Pearl, all of Provincetown, sailed this week for south netting.
Sch. Lottie Brynes and Fanny W. Freeman are here from Provincetown to fit for the banks. The latter vessel will have a new spar.
Sch. Harry A. Nickerson was at Canso on Wednesday.
Sch. F. W. Homans is going on the ways to fix up and will later fit for a mackerel netting trip to North Bay under command of Capt. William Jackman.

THREE MORE VESSELS HOME.

Trio of Late Imprisoned Herring Crafts Arrived Today.

Lett Sch. Golden-Rod Fast in the Ice.

Three of the frozen herring fleet, sch. Lewis H. Giles, Arcadia and Claudia, which have been imprisoned in the ice at Bay of Islands, N. F., since January 18, arrived home today.
Their report of the winter at Bay of Islands coincides with that of Capt. Wilson Cahoon of sch. Sceptre and published in Tuesday's TIMES.

Capt. Couzens of sch. Lewis H. Giles, in speaking of the passage home, said that the fleet came out on Monday of last week, the Sceptre struck a narrow channel in the ice field and kept on, but the others were obliged to put back. They had quite a race with the approaching ice floe, but were able to get in by the headland just ahead of it, and anchored off Wood Island. The next day the ice came down on them and caught them there. The Golden-Rod was obliged to shift, but was afterward caught fast in the ice and was still there when the others set sail again on Friday.

This time they got out all right, meeting light pan ice as far down as Cape St. George. After that no ice was encountered. The vessels came down by St. Paul's island, and then across to Scattarie, where sch. Valkyrie was spoken bound north, and up the shore.

The Gile's fare will be put in cold storage

MAY ORDER NEW FLEET.

George W. Munn Here from Galveston.

HAD SIX NEW ONES LAST YEAR.

Will Go to Essex to See Oxner & Story.

Mr. George W. Munn of Galveston, Texas, is in this city today on a business trip, and is the guest of Mr. Arthur E. Rowe of E. L. Rowe & Son.

Mr. Munn is well known here, and is the head of the Gulf Fisheries Co., the largest fishing concern on the shore of the Gulf of Mexico.

Last winter Mr. Munn was here and before departing left an order for six fine fishing vessels, all of one design from a Crownshield model, to be built by Oxner & Story of Essex. These vessels were built and departed in due season, and proved such splendid crafts in all ways that Mr. Munn and his associates were delighted with them.

A short time ago Mr. Munn announced that it was probable that the company would have six more crafts built and his visit north at this time has to do with them. This afternoon he will go to Essex to see Oxner & Story in regard to the building of the new crafts.

No contract has yet been made, but is extremely probable that before Mr. Munn returns south, he will contract for some new additions to his already fine fleet of Essex and Gloucester built craft.

SEVERAL NETTERS IN.

Some Have Fair Catches Today at New York.

New Schooner Motor Makes Her Maiden Trip.

A special to the TIMES this morning from its New York correspondent reports the following netting arrivals there this morning.

Sch. Venus, 700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Nokomis, 1200 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Alice S. Hawkes, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Valentinna, 600 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Dart, 200 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Motor (maiden trip), 1400 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Maud Gertrude, 400 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Uncle Sam, 600 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Magnolia, 400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Eliza Benner, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sloop E. H. Smeed, 400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lena and Maud shipped five barrels on the Magnolia.

Fish all large. Sales at 20 cents apiece.

Provincetown's Top Notch Price.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., of this port arrived at Provincetown Wednesday from Georges with 1000 lbs. halibut. The bidding for the halibut by the buyers was spirited, starting at 8 cts. per lb. until 12 cents was reached when John O'Neil took the fish. This is the highest price ever paid for bank halibut at Provincetown.